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Sawston Hall was the scene of a military exercise which surprised many residents

Fear among residents as Sawston Hall comes under late night attack from troops – 1914

SAWSTON Hall was attacked by some of the troops based in Cambridge.

The crack of rifles was heard about midnight and patrols were seen crawling along by the roadside; cycles and foot passengers were challenged.

One man was frightened out of his wits, fearing the Germans were upon him.

At dawn, the attackers bore down on the defenders' left but they held their positions stubbornly until a large body of cavalry plunged into their midst 'wiping them out.'

Victory was declared in favour of the attackers who then took breakfast with Mr Huddleston at the Hall.

Sawston Co-operative Society arranged the catering.

A bedmaker at Cambridge University

University vacations are creating destitution among a class of idle and useless men – 1908

IN Cambridge, the university vacations continually throw many boys and men out of work and create a class of idle and useless men who live on their wives' earnings when they can, and at other times, are destitute.

Many women work as bedmakers but others can neither cook nor keep their houses tidy.

Improvident early marriages between young men and women who have no savings to furnish a house, no experience to teach them economy, and no solid mutual affection to help them bear hardship are the source of great and prolonged misery.

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